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So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 8 and 9.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, personal reasons require my absence from legislative business scheduled for today, Tuesday, February 14, 2006. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Con. Res. 322, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the contribution of the USO to our service men and women of our

armed forces (rollcall No. 8) and "yea" on S. 1989, the Holly A. Charette Post Office Building Designation Act (rollcall No. 9).

URGING SENATE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this country is in dire need of immigration reform and tighter border security. Officials at all levels of government and across party lines have felt this need. However, instead of acting, we are sitting back and debating the details of amnesty or no amnesty, guest worker or no guest worker, et cetera.

I call on my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to move political positioning and think about the men and women that they represent. There will undoubtedly be areas of disagreement, yet this must not stop us from moving forward to secure our borders this year.

Our constituents deserve to know that they are safe and that they can live out their lives without the threat of terror at their doorstep, and they deserve nothing less.

MEDICARE PART D AND COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS

(Ms. HERSETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the crisis facing our community pharmacists, particularly those in rural communities. Of all the health care professionals struggling with the implementation of the new Medicare drug benefit, pharmacists appear to be the most negatively affected.

Guess what? Pharmacists are facing another blow. The recently enacted cuts to the Medicaid program are achieved by changes in the way we reimburse pharmacies for prescription drugs.

The choices made during the budget reconciliation process once again targeted our Nation's pharmacists without asking for corresponding sacrifices from the pharmaceutical manufacturers and the PBMs.

This one-two punch is not only bad policy, it is outrageous. Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt praised pharmacists last week for their "heroic" efforts in shouldering the burden for implementing Medicare Part D.

Their reward? Drastic pharmacy reimbursement cuts in the Medicaid program that will have a devastating impact on our communities, disproportionately impacting the poorest and sickest Americans that will no doubt put hundreds, if not thousands, of small businesses out of business.

It is time this body quit taking the path of least resistance and base our

health policy decisions on what is good for our constituents, communities and small businesses, not the powerful drug and insurance companies. I respectfully and urgently ask my colleagues to address this important issue.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

(Mr. OSBORNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, last vear, the President's budget zeroed out the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program, and this was devastating to the drug task forces around the country. Byrne funds are the primary source of funds for drug task forces and are critical in combating methamphetamine abuse.

Congress restored \$410 million of Byrne funds, but this is way short of the \$1.1 billion of authorized spending that was allowed. The State of Texas was forced to eliminate drug task forces, and other States are now considering doing so.

The President's 2007 budget proposal again eliminates Byrne funds. Unless Congress restores these funds at an adequate level, we will lose the drug task forces in nearly all of our States. This is our most effective means of combating methamphetamine abuse. For every \$1 that we spend on education and prevention, we get \$9 at the back end and save costs on imprisonment, crime and all the things that are attendant to methamphetamine abuse.

Meth is sweeping across the country, and we certainly urge the Congress to restore these funds as rapidly as we can.

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RESPECT RELIGIONS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Pakistan Caucus, it saddens me to see the loss of life that has occurred and the violence that is raging throughout the Muslim world and as well in Pakistan.

It would seem appropriate that the Danish Government and the Prime Minister would spend less time pointing a finger at fundamentalist Islamic activities and groups and really speak to the hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world who are peace-loving and believing in humankind and, of course, the world humanity.

It is appropriate to admit mistakes; it is appropriate to announce the fact that I am appealing to the Muslims who believe in peace and harmony in the words of the Koran. It would be appropriate to say that we made a mistake in degrading the religion, that we do have a respect for diversity and religion.

It would not be to undermine the fact of the first amendment, to be able to